

**Thomas Jefferson to Daniel Carroll, January 24, 1791,
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Jefferson to Daniel Carroll

Philadelphia Jan'y 24. 1791.

TO DANIEL CARROLL ESQR.

Dear Sir

The President of the united States desirous of availing him self of your assistance in preparing the federal seat on the Potomac, is in hopes you will act as one of the Commissioners directed by the law for that purpose. I have the honor now to enclose a joint Commission for yourself and two others, together with a copy of the Proclamation meant to constitute your first direction. The President will from time to time communicate such further directions, as circumstances shall call for. I have the honor to be with great esteem, Dear Sir, &c.

Th: Jefferson.

[Ms., p. 198, *American Letters*, Vol. IV, 1788–92, *Letters of the Secretaries of State*, State Department Archives in the National Archives; p. 144, U. S. v. SMITH.]